



Wishing all our Parents, Carers and Children a  
Magical Christmas



18th December 2015

Autumn Term Newsletter

### Dates for the diary

#### January 2016

Inset day:	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Back to school:	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Sporty Kidz starts:	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Rockband starts:	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Gecko cake bake:	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan
FoML sponsored	
Bounce:	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan

#### February 2016

Squirrel cake bake:	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Beauty & The Beast:	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
(M&M Productions)	
Year 1 Disco:	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb
End of Half Term:	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb

Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has flown by and both the children and staff have worked exceptionally hard.

I have had the pleasure of sharing both the Christmas plays and the Carol Concert with you and your children. They were absolutely wonderful and ticket sales from the performances raised over £400. Thank you for your generous donations, which will be sent to the Children In Need Appeal.

A fantastic time was had by all at the Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful event; Mulled Wine, Christmas Carols and Father Christmas with his Reindeer were just a few of the highlights. It truly was a "Winter Wonderland." The incredible amount of £3,754.66 was raised. Well done and a huge thanks to the FoML.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support that you have given the school over the last term. I am very proud to be the Head Teacher at Manby Lodge. I look forward to seeing you all on January 6<sup>th</sup> and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Creasey



### Reception

What an exciting half term !

There has been a wealth of learning in our outdoor area. The children have learnt to experiment, create recipes and look at changes in our mud kitchen. They have also learnt to manage risks, take turns, balance and use their whole body to find their way around our secret garden behind the red bus.

The children have enjoyed sound hunts, climbing up the slopes and exploring this exciting new area. The children have also had fun talking about and planting daffodils.

We have had a brilliant opportunity with the building work going on around us to inspire our play. We have opened our own builders yard and the children have been fully involved in buying items and building with materials bought at the yard.

We are very grateful to the FoML for our new bikes, we have had great fun using them in the playground.



### Staff News

We say goodbye to Mrs Grayer who has been at Manby Lodge for 13 years. I would like to thank Mrs Grayer for all of her hard work and commitment to the school during the time she has been here. We will all miss her and wish her lots of luck for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Dungay and Mrs Uth who have been with us this term. I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and also wish them luck in the future.

We are very grateful for the help that we have had from our visiting German student teachers, Miss Weiss and Miss Pieske. Both are leaving at the end of term and we wish them luck as they continue their studies at home.

## Welcome

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Hughes returns in January from her maternity leave. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Gilchrist will also be joining the team in Year Two.

Mrs Creasey



## Breaking News

Music lessons are currently available in school from Rocksteady Music School, finalists for the "Excellence in Primary/Early Years Education" award at the Music Teacher Awards 2016 !

Children can learn to play electric guitar, drums, lead vocals or keyboard in their own rock band where they will focus on contemporary rock and pop music.

We currently have spaces for vocals only. Lessons take place with Alice on a Wednesday all day and parents can sign their children up on a rolling monthly basis with no minimum sign up period.

All the lessons take place during school hours, and concerts happen throughout the year. A month trial period is also available. For more information call Rocksteady on 0845 094 1259 or visit [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com).

Please be aware that there is limited space and lessons are offered on a first come first served basis.



## Year One

We have had a very exciting start to Year One.

In English we became authors and wrote our very own Fairy Tale. We then planned the tools and steps required to design and sew a Fairy Tale Puppet of our own. Our hard work paid off and we were finally ready to create a Fairy Tale Puppet show to enjoy with our friends !

Burglar Bill visited us in Maths and stole numbers from our number sentences. We used a number line to count on to find and identify the missing number.

We helped Mrs Creasey choose materials for our new school, in particular the windows. We chose both transparent and translucent windows for contrast. This helped our learning in Science, investigating lots of different types of materials.

The children really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. We compared how Fire Fighters, homes and London have changed since 1666. We also created our own London and set it on fire to watch how quickly a fire can spread.



## Year Two

This year, Year Two have enjoyed learning about lots of different things.

In Literacy we have learnt about fairy tales and instructions. In Maths, shapes, money, multiplication and division amongst others.

We had an exciting trip to Brooklands for our topic of transport and even designed and made our own vehicles.

In Science we have been learning about plants and changes in the seasons. As part of our topic on changing materials, we even baked cakes to find out what happens when materials change and can then be changed back.

In Art we recently enjoyed about learning about William Morris and we have designed our own Morris inspired wallpaper !

## Reminders

### Holidays

As per the DFE guidelines no holidays will be authorised unless there are "exceptional circumstances". You may be liable for a fixed penalty fine. Please see the Attendance Policy which can be viewed on the school website.

### Term Dates

Surrey school term and holiday dates can also be found on the school website under the 'Our School' tab.

### Spring Term Values



For January  
"Responsibility"



For February  
"Honesty"

